

The Monroe County Judicial Center Project Development Board held a meeting on September 12, 2007. The meeting was called to order by County Judge/Executive Wilbur Graves with the following board members present: Eddie Lovelace, Jeff Proffitt, Reed Moore, Charlotte McPherson, Tony High, Steve Hurt, and Joyce Emberton.

Also present were Danny Rhoades, Will May, Bob Prewitt, Jr. and Bing Ewen.

Motion was made by Reed Moore, seconded by Charlotte McPherson to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on August 15, 2007.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old business – The matter of financing for the project was introduced with information that had been obtained concerning the two options of either financing the project through a bond issue with the financial advisors of Ross Sinclair or a borrowing from KACO provided to the board members. Tony High explained to the board the differences between the two, and upon his recommendation, motion was made by Reed Moore, seconded by Judge Lovelace to hire Ross Sinclair as the Financial Advisor.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Bob Prewitt met with property owners that were present to explain how to fill out the environmental assessment forms for the various properties that have been offered as possible construction sites for the new judicial center.

The board next discussed the three construction sites around the courthouse that are being considered consisting of the property on the corner of Main St. & 3rd, the City property on Magnolia St. and the Old Post Office building property on Magnolia St. & 2nd St.

Will May, representing DLZ, told the Board members the site on Main St. was too small for the size building to be constructed, the more floors built would mean more cost, required to be 4 feet above street level, underground gas tanks is an issue. He recommended to not have an environmental study done on this site because of these reasons and the cost, but instead to only proceed with the environmental study on the other two sites.

Discussion of the recommendation of the DLZ representative followed with the board members expressing the opinion that they would not discount the viability of any of the sites. After questions from members of the board concerning the cost of obtaining environmental studies on all three sites and being informed that it was approximately \$5,200.00 a motion was made by Reed Moore, seconded by Tony High to have the environmental study done on all 3 sites.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Bob Prewitt reported he could have the environmental study on all three sites completed in about two weeks and report by e-mail.

Discussion of Construction Manager followed. Motion was made by Reed Moore, seconded by Jeff Proffitt to advertise & interview for a construction manager but that the board would decide at a later date if a construction manager will be hired for the project.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reed Moore, seconded by Joyce Emberton to advertise for a construction manager the weeks of September 23 & September 30, 2007 in Courier Journal and decide on a short list at the next meeting on October 10, 2007.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

A discussion of MAI certified appraisers and fees followed. Danny Rhoades stated that there were about sixty in the state. There are four in Bowling Green. It was decided to check the four in Bowling Green and have a sub committee to negotiate appraisal price and get appraisal as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Judge Hurt, seconded by Judge Lovelace for the local board members to appoint appraiser.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reed Moore, seconded by Tony High to adjourn.

All voted yea. Motion carried.